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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened on the morning of 13 November 2000 by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative.

Item 3 - Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, issued by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in document TD/COCOA.9/2.

Item 4 - Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and one Vice-President. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives, or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant. It is proposed to elect one Vice-President.

Item 5 - Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference.

Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Credentials Committee.

Item 6 - Establishment of the Negotiating Committee and other committees as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed that the Conference establish a Negotiating Committee to consider the articles of the Agreement, and a legal drafting committee

Item 7 - Preparation of a successor agreement to the International Cocoa Agreement, 1993

At its sixty-second regular session held in London from 4 to 8 September 2000, the International Cocoa Council decided to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene a United Nations Cocoa Conference to negotiate a new cocoa agreement. Moreover, the Council requested the Executive Director of the International Cocoa Organization to forward to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the Draft Provisions for a Sixth International Cocoa Agreement. This document will be circulated under the symbol TD/COCOA.9/R.1.

Item 8 - Consideration and adoption of final resolutions

The Conference may wish to adopt a final resolution forwarding the successor Agreement for deposit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.